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SUBJECT: SYG LUNS' FAREWELL TO SECRETARY RUMSFELD

1. PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE ON DECEMBER 8, SYG LUNS PAID TRIBUTE TO SECRETARY RUMSFELD'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ALLIANCE AND BADE HIM A FOND FAREWELL. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF SYG LUNS' REMARKS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YESTERDAY I HAD THE OCCASION TO WELCOME SOME NEW MINISTERS. TODAY I HAVE SOME "FAREWELLS" TO SAY.

IT WAS IN 1962 THAT SOME OF US FIRST HEARD THAT A DYNAMIC VERY YOUNG CONGRESSMAN FROM ILLINOIS WAS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, BUT WE DID NOT REALISE AT THAT MOMENT HOW STRONG HIS INTERESTS WERE. WHEN HE ARRIVED AS UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL, WE VERY SOON SAW, WITNESSED AND WERE CONVINCED OF THE SERIOUSNESS  
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OF HIS ATLANTIC VIEWS.

FOR TWO YEARS THE ALLIANCE HAD THE BENEFIT OF THE DRIVE, THE INTELLIGENCE AND THE DAILY PURSUIT OF BUSINESS OF DON

RUMSFELD. I WILL NOT GO FURTHER INTO THE ROLE HE PLAYED IN HIS INCARNATION AS AMBASSADOR TO NATO. WE DULY RECOGNIZED AND PAID TRIBUTE TO IT WHEN HE LEFT IN OCTOBER 1974.

OUR ASSESSMENT THAT HIS COMBINATION OF YOUTHFUL DRIVE AND MATURE WISDOM WAS BOUND TO ASSURE HIM EVERY SUCCESS WAS VINDICATED WHEN WE LEARNED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. IN THIS NEW CAPACITY AND IN SPITE OF THE GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES IT ENTAILS, SECRETARY RUMSFELD NEVER HESITATED IN GIVING NATO PRIORITY AND FULL ATTENTION.

WE HAVE WITNESSED THIS ON MANY OCCASIONS: IN THE POLICY DIRECTIVES WHICH INSPIRED THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO NATO, IN THE STATEMENTS HE MADE BEFORE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AND, IN PARTICULAR, DURING HIS FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE OF NPG AND DPC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

ALTHOUGH HE WILL NO LONGER BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED, I AM SURE THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE THE ALLIANCE HIS FULL SUPPORT WHENEVER THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, AND I, FOR ONE, AM CERTAIN THAT, LIKE A PHOENIX, REJUVENATED AFTER A SHORT TIME, HE WILL AGAIN FLUTTER ABOVE THE POLITICAL HORIZON.

I MAY SAY, TOO - AND I AM NOW SPEAKING PERSONALLY - THAT I AM VERY SAD TO SEE HIM LEAVE BECAUSE WE HAVE DEVELOPED, AS I HOPE AND AM CONFIDENT HE WILL CONFIRM, A PARTICULAR LINK OF FRIENDSHIP AND TRUST WHICH WAS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO ME, NOT ONLY IN MY PRESENT POSITION BUT ALSO IN THE PERSONAL FIELD WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT TOO.

I WISH HIM AND HIS CHARMING WIFE ALL THE BEST LUCK ON BEHALF OF ALL OF YOU HERE PRESENT AND I FEEL SURE THAT WE SHALL HEAR MORE OF YOU IN THE FUTURE. THE MORE THE BETTER, MR. SECRETARY.

THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR ALL YOU DID FOR THE ALLIANCE  
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AND WHEN YOU WEND ON YOUR WAY, WE SHALL THINK OF YOU WHEN THE SUN SETS BEHIND YOU. THANK YOU. END TEXT.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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